President.—Was any reference made to the Chairman on this matter ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We did not make any reference. The land was at the disposal of the Government and not vested in the Municipality. Since the Diwan Peishkar is the authority, we referred it only to him.

President.—Whether there was any request from the Chairman of the Municipality to get this plot assigned to them? Was any reference made to them ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We did not refer to them. Even for that there is no definite information.

President.—Without referring the matter to the Chairman, how can we know the date of the petition ? The object of Mr. Raja's question is that, if the matter had been referred to the Chairman, he might have been able to give the necessary particulars of the petition.

Certain allegations against a teacher of a school in Mala.

70. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to an article in "Mahathi" dated 3rd Chingam 1104 "കേരളമഹത്തുകളിയ കമ്പിയില്ലാകമ്പി";

(b) whether they would inquire and state whether the allegations contained therein are true ;

(c) the name of the party against whom the allegations are made ;

(d) what is exactly the nature of the allegations and what action have they taken regarding same ;

(e) whether the Headmaster of the school referred to in the article and the Manager received any reports against the teacher of the First Form from the teacher of Form II; if so, what was the report and what action was taken by the Manager ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Inspector of Schools reports that he is convinced of the truth of the allegation though sufficient evidence is not forthcoming.

(c) C. A. Antony, teacher of Form I of the St. Antony's L. S. S., Mala.

(d) Committing unnatural offence on a boy. The teacher is reported to have tendered his resignation and disappeared from the place. Necessary disciplinary action will be taken.

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(e) The teacher of Form II reported the matter to the Headmaster as soon as he came to know of it. The Headmaster after enquiry represented the whole matter to the Manager, who made a further investigation, but did not get sufficient evidence. As the teacher and the pupil left the school, no further action could be taken by the Manager.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With reference to answer to sub-division (d), may I know whether the resignation was accepted by the Manager?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am so informed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did he not report about this before he tendered his resignation?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—When I made inquiries on this matter, this was the answer supplied to me.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether the report was made by the Headmaster to the Manager before he tendered his resignation?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not sure.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So the Headmaster reported the matter to the Manager. Did the Headmaster get sufficient evidence about this?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Not sufficient evidence.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the report of the Headmaster?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The strong suspicion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the report of the Headmaster in the matter?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The draft of it was that,..

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was certificate given to this boy?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The boy is reported to have left the institution.

Mr. T A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was a certificate issued?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Not likely.

71. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to peruse the article in the "Mahathi" newspaper, dated 3rd Chingam 1104 under the heading "കൊണ്ടോടന്നെ കീടിയ കന്നിയില്ലാകന്നി" and call for a report from the Director of Public Instruction with regard to the truth of the allegation in it and state if the facts are true?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 70.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—When did this teacher leave this St. Antony's School?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Some time after the occurrence.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Can the Hon'ble Member give the date of,.....

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I cannot give the date of the occurrence.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there anything in the report about that?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—No.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there any mention made about that in the report of the Inspector?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The Inspector's report does not mention anything about it—no information.

Village Libraries.

72. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of village libraries sanctioned to be opened in schools in 1103 for the use of the public;

(b) the amount sanctioned for the purchase of books and magazines and newspapers, etc., and the amount of bonus for the staff of each of the said libraries;

(c) the names of official and non-official members of the committee constituted for the conduct of each;

(d) what exactly are the functions of the committee;

(e) the names of books, magazines and newspapers which were recommended by the committee of each of the above libraries and the names of those which are approved by the Government and are being supplied to those libraries?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Village libraries are attached to Malayalam schools at Veliyanad, Pallivirutti, Pudukkad and Choorakkattukara.

(b) Rs. 50 every year for books, magazines and newspapers. Rs. 22 per month for lighting charges. Sanction is also accorded for the purchase of an almirah, a fourteen power light and two hurricane lanterns for each library.

Bonus.—Rs. 25 for the Secretary.
,, 15 for the Assistant.
,, 15 for the Masapady.

(c) 1. Pudukkad Library.

Official.—V. L. George, Spt. P 3 teacher.
P. Gopala Menon do

Non-official.—Kakkuzhi Rama Menon.
Kannath Porinchu Lazar.

2. Choorakkattukara Library.

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